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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Fumihiko SANO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2131
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Application No.: 09/388,388) Examiner: BAUM, Ronald
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Filed: September 1, 1999)
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For: ENCRYPTION/DECRYPTION)
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2003, the period for response having been extended to February 5, 2004 by a Petition for Extension of Time of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper and begin on page 2.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper and begin on page 6.

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